

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1527 – SB 1797

February 27, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Broadens the application of Tennessee Rule of Evidence 404(b) to prohibit all evidence of prior bad acts for the purpose of proving the character of a person to show action in conformity therewith, not just evidence of prior bad acts offered against the defendant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012532): Replaces Section 2 with language clarifying that in a criminal prosecution, evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts is not admissible to prove the character of any individual, including a victim, the defendant, a witness, or any other third-party, to show action in conformity therewith, but may be admissible for other purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation affects criminal procedure. It will not impact the caseloads of the courts, district attorneys, or public defenders.
- Any impact to the courts, district attorneys, or public defenders can be accommodated within existing resources

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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